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FYI. Draft R8 strategy sent to all RAs.

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Greetings Regional Administrators and Deputy Administrators,

On February 15, 2018, Administrator Pruitt hosted at EPA the Principals from the federal departments and agencies that constitute the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children. As Task Force Co-chair, Administrator Pruitt led the discussion regarding the Task Force's work on childhood lead exposure and the development of a new Federal Strategy to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Eliminate Associated Health Impacts.

The Task Force Principals agreed that addressing childhood lead exposure is a priority for their departments and agencies. They also agreed to a vision for a collaborative, cross-federal agency approach for a new federal strategy and discussed setting an aggressive, near-term timeline for the Task Force to complete its drafting work. The Task Force Principals agreed that the new Federal Strategy to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Eliminate Associated Health Impacts will address the following five goals:

1. Reduce sources of lead in children's environments;
2. Improve identification and monitoring of lead exposure to children;
3. Improve the health of children identified as lead-exposed;
4. Communicate effectively and consistently with stakeholders about childhood lead exposure; and
5. Plan cross-federal research to advance our scientific understanding of the effects, evaluation and control of lead hazards in children's environments.

The importance of federal lead law enforcement also was discussed. The Principals agreed that the Task Force Steering Committee should complete its work on the final draft strategy and submit it for OMB review by April 30, 2018.

At the meeting, Administrator Pruitt described his vision that bringing together the disparate federal efforts is only the beginning and that we must explore ways to increase our collaboration and partnerships with states, localities, and tribes. Several EPA Region Offices already have started inventorying their activities on addressing childhood lead exposure and developing outreach or action plans. Now is the time for all Regional Offices join and develop plans to increase our outreach to states, localities, and tribes on this important issue. Please identify for me a point person within your offices for this initiative and for developing outreach plans.

Attached is the current draft Region 8 Lead Action Plan for you to consider as an example. Of course, each Region's context is different and other approaches may need to be emphasized. Thank you to Doug Benevento and his staff for leading on this first draft.

I look forward to working with all of you to fully tackle this important issue and to building stronger, more effective coalitions with our partners to address childhood lead exposure across our country.

Thanks,
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